

the village, the gunners maintaining good accuracy.

Hand-to-Hand Conflict.

Zelaya's troops frequently left the trenches, and advancing through the jungle, met the insurgents in hand-to-hand conflict. These dashes were followed in each instance by a retreat to the trenches and a forward movement by the provisionals, who cut the wire entanglements with their machetes. In these brushes many were killed or wounded.

General Chamorro, who looks a typical North American regular trooper, fought with expanded vigor personally, using a pistol and invariably killing his man outright. General Diaz also dashed at the Chamorro, to take to cover. Diaz walked amid a hail of bullets, directing the fire of his men, who, however, he insisted should keep under cover whenever possible. When the soldier, enthused by the example of his commander, fought on his feet Diaz turned his pistol upon the man and commanded him to get behind a stump. The soldier was momentarily perplexed, as he saw Diaz himself constantly exposed to the enemy's fire. There was no farce about the skirmishes, and the conduct of both leaders and men, who knew for what they were fighting, and that death for many was imminent, was worthy of the greatest admiration. Chamorro, who has been fighting for twenty years, is idolized by his men. He swore cheerfully when his troops exposed themselves, and good-naturedly pushed them behind the cover of stumps and tangled underbrush. Chamorro was in actual command. Estrada, having merely laid out the general plan. At the evening approached and the enemy still refused after repeated assaults, the insurgents, weary from physical exhaustion, but their courage never failed.

Turns Tide of Battle.

But for the timely arrival of General Mena it is quite possible that the outcome of the battle would have been wholly different. Indeed, at one time the position of the insurgents was desperate. Chamorro and Diaz had moved on the main fortifications at Recreo and Tumbia Hill, and Mena was under orders to cover the line of retreat from Recreo. Mena had moved up the Rama River, but his 600 men were weak from the subsequent march, and failed to effect the expected junction with the other armies of the insurgents. The battle was fought with red clay and overgrown with tropical plants, through which they cut a way with their machetes; but their progress was slow. Chamorro became uneasy and dispatched a messenger with this urgent command: "Come quickly, or the day goes against us," and the day was going against the provisionals. The enemy fell on every side, but Chamorro discerned that at best he was but holding his own. After dispatching the messenger to Mena he adopted the plan of repulsing the enemy when they left their trenches and assaulted, but without attempting a further advance. Mena realized the situation, and instead of satisfying himself by cutting off the possible retreat of the govern-



ment troops, pushed forward for an assault. Now he and his 600 men got through the interlocking two miles of brush the general has been unable since to explain. They seem to have scrambled so desperately that they failed to realize the obstacles before them.

Supplies for Starving.

WASHINGTON, December 24.—To relieve the starvation of the captured soldiers of the Zelayan army at Rama and furnish much-needed aid to soldiers of both the Nicaraguan government forces and the insurgents injured near Rama, the United States government to-day ordered the cruiser Prairie to sail for Colon, to take on board \$5,000 worth of staple supplies secured by funds of the American Red Cross Society and proceed with all possible haste to Bluefields.

LAWYER ARRESTED

Clergyman Says He Was Swindled in Real Estate Deal.

NEW YORK, December 24.—Noah Loder, Jr., thirty-six years old, a lawyer, with offices at 11 Wall Street, and living at 57 Maple Avenue, Greenwich, Conn., was held in \$10,000 bail by Magistrate Cornell yesterday on a charge of robbing a Presbyterian minister of \$1,000.

Loder was arrested as he stepped off a train at the Grand Central station yesterday by Detective McConnell, after he had been pointed out by the Rev. John F. Scott, D. D., of 40 Greenridge Avenue, White Plains, the complainant.

Loder, who is a Princeton graduate and a member of the Princeton Club in this city, was taken to the Tombs court. There Dr. Scott alleged that on April 17, 1908, the prisoner, by trick and device, obtained \$1,000 from him. The money was entrusted, according to the minister's sworn statement, to Loder for the specific purpose of purchasing a certain assignment of a mortgage from Frank P. Marsh on property held by Joseph A. Fuchs. An affidavit also was made by Mr. Marsh, who swore that he had known

Loder for the last six or seven years, and that he never had any transaction with him that involved the Fuchs property.

When he was arraigned before the court, Dr. Scott stepped up and said: "While the amount charged in the complaint is but \$1,000, the transactions involve \$20,000."

Late in the afternoon security for Loder's release was furnished by Charles L. Russell, a patent solicitor, of 9 Murray Street.

LARGE TRACT IS SOLD

Alexander Island, 155 Acres, Brings \$155,000.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 24.—Alexander Island, a tract of 155 acres, located near the Virginia end of the Highway Bridge, the second trading post since it has been sold to R. Thomas Robinson, of this city, for \$155,000, or \$1,000 an acre. The property, which belonged to the Dodge estate, was sold to Mr. Robinson by William Myer Lewis, trustee, through H. Rowley Dulany. A deed of conveyance has been placed on record in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court for Alexandria county.

It is reported that the purchaser represents a syndicate that will establish on the site a large steel plant. It is known that persons interested in the establishment of a large factory in Alexandria county have for the past two months been looking over available ground in the county for the erection of such a plant, and that they also obtained options on a number of pieces of property.

There are a number of rumors in circulation as to what use the property will be put, but it is regarded as almost certain that it will be used for a manufacturing site.

Rowley Dulany stated that he was not prepared to say anything about the transaction or in regard to the proposed uses of the property.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Five Workmen Lost Their Lives and Seventeen Others Injured.

SHAWNEE, OKLA., December 24.—Five workmen, it is believed, were killed and seventeen others were injured to-day by the explosion of a locomotive boiler that wrecked the regular shop of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad.

Though railway officials say that only two or three fragments of boiler were found in the wreckage, it is almost certain that five were killed. Employees say that twenty are missing. The known dead are:

Robert Kerr and John Johns. Five of the more seriously injured are in a hospital. Company C of the Oklahoma National Guard is on duty by order of Governor Haskell to preserve order. The shop yards are strewn with fragments of human flesh. The body of Kerr was found three blocks away from the shop. Fragments of the body of Johns were gathered from spots of adjoining buildings. Wreckage all over town were shattered to-night.

ARABIAN MURDER COUNT

Natives of Yemen Set Upon Delegates.

ROME, December 24.—The Foreign Office has received information to the effect that the natives of the Yemen Arab, but murdered the Count Benzoni and his companion, a German merchant.

The natives of Yemen have caused the Turkish government considerable trouble, and troops have been sent frequently to quell uprisings in the country.

DON'T TAKE ANY MORE, MAMA

Detective Says She Heard a Boy Say This Before Shoplifting Arrest.

NEW YORK, December 24.—"Come, mama. We have enough. Don't take any more. Let's go home."

Lena Fortney, the woman detective of a Sixth Avenue department store, says she heard a golden-haired boy in unbuttoned coat say this yesterday afternoon in the crowd near one of the counters. The boy was accompanied by a plainly dressed woman, who seemed to be his mother. Miss Fortney heard the woman say in response: "Keep quiet, dearie. We'll go home soon."

Mother and son then moved to another counter, the detective following. The boy wore an ulcer and apparently kept his hands in his pockets. Pretty soon, according to the story the store detective told in the Night Court later, she saw the boy's hands still in his pockets, give the skirts of his coat a tug so that they rested on a tray of suspenders on a counter. When he pulled the coat skirts off the counter, after a second or two, several pairs of the suspenders had disappeared.

Miss Fortney followed the mother and son to the street, and there stopped them. According to the store detective and a Central Office detective, nineteen neckties, three pairs of gloves, six pairs of stockings, one pair of suspenders, and several other articles, as well as \$50 worth of silverware, were found in the boy's and the woman's pockets. The silver was identified later by detectives of other department stores.

The woman said she was Mrs. Mary Stewart, of 114 Danforth Avenue, Jersey City.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Snow or rain in north, rain in south portion Saturday; Sunday clearing and colder; moderate east to southeast winds, becoming northwest Sunday.

North Carolina—Rain Saturday; Sunday generally fair and somewhat colder; moderate, variable winds, becoming northwest by Sunday.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY:

8 A. M. temperature	23
Humidity	100
Wind, direction	West
Wind, velocity	Clear
Weather	Clear
Rainfall	0.0
12 noon temperature	37
3 P. M. temperature	43
Maximum temperature up to 5 P. M.	45
Minimum temperature up to 5 P. M.	23
Mean temperature	39
Normal temperature	39
Sunshine, per cent.	0
Deficiency in temperature yesterday	5
Deficiency in temperature since March 1	43
Accum. deficiency in temperature since January 1	639
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1	7.06
Accum. deficiency in rainfall since January 1	6.52

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

(At 8 P. M., Eastern Standard Time.)

Place	Ther.	H. T.	Weather
Mobile	58	61	Rain
Galveston	50	61	Rain
Norfolk	58	40	Cloudy
Hatteras	58	41	Clear
Wilmington	42	50	Rain
Memphis	36	36	Rain
Charlotte	42	46	Cloudy
Washington	34	42	Rain
Savannah	46	50	Cloudy
Baltimore	42	52	Clear
Cincinnati	30	38	Rain
Key West	68	72	Clear
San Francisco	48	58	P. cloudy
San Jose	52	58	P. cloudy
Detroit	24	24	Rain
New Orleans	68	70	Rain

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

December 25, 1905.

Sun rises... 7:24

Sun sets... 4:20

High tide... 1:15

Low tide... 7:15

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city, and that she and her fourteen-year-old son had been driven to poverty to take the goods. The detective says they found that there was a suit in the boy's sister near his pocket, and that, after lifting his sister over a counter, he could pull things into the pocket unperceived.

Magistrate Dulany held the woman in \$100 bail and sent the boy to the Children's Society. They will be arraigned charged with shoplifting before Magistrate Barlow to-day.

Review of Trade.

NEW YORK, December 24.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade to-morrow will say, in part:

Holiday trade has been, on the whole, very satisfactory. The colder weather has contributed to more wholesome trade conditions in several lines. The general business situation presents a somewhat mixed appearance, though there is no fundamental change in conditions, the outlook being, in the main, exceedingly bright.

The recent advance of cotton to above 16 cents for the May option was one of the incidents of the week, and is in line with the general tendency of higher prices.

Conditions in iron and steel remain somewhat mixed, dullness and weakness still being apparent in the pig iron markets, whereas, on the other hand, there is quite an active demand for steel products generally. In the primary markets the usual holiday quiet is apparent, although cotton goods purchases by converters have been fair, and fancy overcoatings for fall are being ordered. Southern yarn mills are planning for curtailment to offset the trying conditions due to high-cost cotton. Prices on cotton goods are firm and have shown further advances in some directions to a parity with the advancing raw material market. To test export business in cotton goods is reported with the Philippines and South America.

Holiday quiet prevails among New England woolen manufacturers, most of whom are now taking inventory of stock, while the jobbing trade generally is dull.

FOUND DEAD IN STREET.

Negro Man on Whom Foul Blow Had Been Dealt.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, N. C., December 24.—Thomas Eborn, colored, was found dead in the town of Belhaven this morning, in front of the manufacturing plant of the Interstate Cooperative Company. There were slight evidences of foul play, and Eborn was known to have had some trouble yesterday with parties in Washington county, near the town of Creswell, after which he came to Belhaven on the afternoon train, and evidently died soon after arrival at Belhaven. At the time of this report no examination had been made, but it was generally thought that his death was the result of a blow to the head with a blunt instrument.

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NEW KING AND QUEEN OF THE BELGIANS, CROWN PRINCE, HIS SISTER, PAGEANTRY



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EUROPE SWEEP BY STORM

Great Material Damage Done, But No Lives Are Lost.

PARIS, December 24.—South-western Europe was swept by a destructive storm.

South-east France buildings were demolished and lines of communication were interrupted. Belgium suffered heavily from wind and flood, many factories being forced to close down on account of inundations.

Madrid repaid the most disastrous floods in fifty years. Many towns suffered serious damage, but no loss of life is reported. The rivers of Portugal were being tormented from an extraordinary rainfall. Although the material damage considerable, no loss of life has been reported.

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